areas in 12 States and one Union Territory. Identity (smart) cards will be issued to the citizens of age 18 years and above under the pilot project.

(c) and (d) The work of production and distribution of identity card has been awarded to Government Companies. As per the revised time line given by them, the distribution of identity card will be completed by July, 2007.

Utilisation of funds for rehabilitation of Gujarat riot victims

3716. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Government has not utilised the funds allotted for the relief and rehabilitation of 2002 Gujarat riot victims and returned the unutilised part of the sanctioned fund;

(b) if so, the funds allotted since then; the funds utilised and unused funds returned so far;

(c) whether the Union Government has made an enquiry as to why the funds were not utilised fully; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has decided to sanction Rs. 105 crore compensation and rehabilitation package for the Gujarat riot victims; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and steps proposed to be taken to see that the assistance reaches the needy and it is properly utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 155.61 crores was released to the Government of Gujarat by various Ministries/Departments of the Union Government under the special relief and economic rehabilitation package announced in Lok Sabha by the Prime Minister on 30.4.2002 for the 2002 Gujarat riot victims, out of which an amount of Rs. 136.51 crores has been spent. The remaining amount of Rs. 19.10 crore was not utilised by the State Government on the ground that no case for relief and rehabilitation is pending. The unutilised amount was returned to the Government of India as per observations of the concerned Ministry based on audit.

(d) and (e) The Union Government has approved the proposal of Rs. 106.57 crore towards relief and rehabilitation of the victims of riot-affected persons of Gujarat 2002 payable on the pattern of package allowed in the Sikh riots of 1984. The details of the package include:—

(i) In case of death, an *ex-gratia* assistance of Rs. 3.5 lakh would be paid in addition to the assistance already given by the State Government.

(ii) In case of injury, an *ex-gratia* assistance of Rs. 1.25 lakh would be paid minus the assistance given by the State Government.

(iii) For damage of residential property and uninsured commercial/ industrial property, an *ex-gratia* of 10 times the amount given by the State Government less amount already paid.

A Committee has been set up to formulate the modalities for speedy and efficient implementation of the package.

Decision of government to withdraw troops from J and K

3717. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to withdraw troops from certain parts of Jammu and Kashmir, under certain pressure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Defence and some other Ministries have put up their opposition to withdraw troops from Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Security situation in Jammu & Kashmir is kept under continuous review, and security forces are deployed in different parts of the State for different duties such as border guarding, prevention of infiltration, counter insurgency and area domination, guarding of vital sensitive installations and persons under threat/risk, provision of general security in vulnerable areas, etc. The deployment of the forces depends upon the